**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** 

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the *Federal Register* concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, and to allow a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain . Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed

collection(s) summarized in this notice, you may make your request using one of following:

1. Access CMS' Web Site address at Web Site address at:

https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-

Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing.html

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Parham at (410) 786-4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term "collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires federal agencies to publish a 30-day notice in the *Federal Register* concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice that summarizes the following proposed collection(s) of information for public comment:

1. Type of Information Collection Request: Reinstatement without change of a previously approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Hospice Request for Certification and Supporting Regulations; Use: The Hospice Request for Certification Form is the identification and screening form used to initiate the certification process and to determine if the provider has sufficient personnel to participate in the Medicare program. The CMS-417 form is completed by existing hospices at the time of their recertification surveys, to update their certification information. Form Number: CMS-417 (OMB Control number: 0938-0313); Frequency: Annually; Affected Public: Private Sector - Business or other for-profits; Number of Respondents: 2,059; Total Annual Responses: 2,059; Total Annual Hours: 1,544. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Caroline Gallaher at 410-786-8705.)

2. Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a currently approved

collection; Title of Information Collection: Laboratory Personnel Report (CLIA) and Supporting

Regulations; Use: The information collected on this survey form is used in the administrative

pursuit of the Congressionally-mandated program with regard to regulation of laboratories

participating in CLIA. The surveyor will provide the laboratory with the CMS-209 form. While

the surveyor performs other aspects of the survey, the laboratory will complete the CMS-209 by

recording the personnel data needed to support their compliance with the personnel requirements

of CLIA. The surveyor will then use this information in choosing a sample of personnel to

verify compliance with the personnel requirements. Information on personnel qualifications of

all technical personnel is needed to ensure the sample is representative of the entire laboratory.

Form Number: CMS-209 (OMB control number 0938-0151); Frequency: Biennially; Affected

Public: Private Sector - State, Local, or Tribal Governments; and Federal Government; Number

of Respondents: 19,163; Total Annual Responses: 9,582; Total Annual Hours: 4,791. (For policy

questions regarding this collection contact Kathleen Todd at 410-786-3385.)

Dated: June 14, 2021.

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Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

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